Meeting Minutes Sept 9th, 2026

Call to Order:
Meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by Kenkel

Board Members Present:
Kenkel, Filloon, Behrens, Wacha, Dunning

Staff Present:
Behrens, Horne, Eli

Public Comment: None

Information Items:
Maintenance Report:
Maintenance Supervisor Horne provided the maintenance report for the month of August.

Naturalist Report:
Director Behrens provided the Naturalist report for education and outreach for the month of August.

Ranger Report:
Ranger Eli provided the Ranger report for conservation and patrol duties for August

Director Report:
Director Behrens provided his report for the month of August.

Action Items:
Reservation of TF Clark Campsites for large events:
Director Behrens proposed offering a reservation system to try out at TF Clark for some or all of the 10 campsites at the location. Group discussed pros and cons of various options.
Motion by Behrens to allow reservations for the first cluster of campsites within TF Clark (Sites 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, **and 10**), requiring reservations rent no fewer than 4 and no greater than **6 (previously 5: corrected per true total of campsites at intended cluster location)** at an elevated rate of $20 per night. Motion seconded by Wacha. All voting aye. Motion passes. Behrens said he would generate a new rental agreement form similar to what is used for the Nature Center and Shelters at Otter Creek Park.

Fall Fest Prep and Purchases:
Director Behrens gave an update on scheduled vendors, attractions and staff jobs for Fall Fest. Director Behrens also presented a proposed raffle prize, pumpkin and music spending allowance for the Board to approve, not to exceed $1500. Expenses largely mirror those of 2025. Motion by Wacha to approve a spending allowance not to exceed $1500 for Fall Fest prizes, pumpkins and music. Seconded by Dunning. All voting aye.

Discussion:
Community Foundation Grant: Applied for storywalk trail materials for around Otter Creek
Director gave an update on an erosion swale coordinated by Horne with 4H members at Playground
Director also provided updates on programming and new partnering opportunities with Meskwaki DNR
A new generator will be added to Nature Center surrounding and new LP tank to fuel it, per County Supervisors to prepare building for future potential disaster relief.

Consent Agenda:
Motion by Kenkel to approve the Meeting Minutes and Claims for August 2026. Seconded by Dunning. All voting in favor. Motion passes.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Filloon. Seconded by Behrens. All voting in favor Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 7.19pm